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Filed: June 21, 1994) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
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Sir:

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(a) [] accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith as set forth in 37 CFR §1.97(a).

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(l) [x] given for "Vector Sum Excited Linear Prediction (Vselp) Speech Coding at 8 KBPS" in the present specification (see page 1)

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